

CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION JULY 2004 AGENDA

SUBJECT California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE): Including,		Action
but not limited to, CAHSEE Program Update	\boxtimes	Information
		Public Hearing

RECOMMENDATION

This item is provided to the State Board of Education (SBE) for information and action as deemed necessary and appropriate

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

In July 2003, SBE took action to move the passage of the CAHSEE as a diploma requirement from 2003-04 to 2005-06. The students scheduled to graduate in 2005-06 took the CAHSEE as grade 10 students in February or March or May, 2004.

SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

Program update:

Beginning in the 2005-2006 school year, all students must pass the CAHSEE as a condition of receiving a diploma of graduation or a condition of graduation from high school. School districts and county offices have completed the CAHSEE testing of tenth graders, and of eligible adult education students who are expected to graduate in 2005-06, for this school year. Approximately 150,000 students took the CAHSEE in February and approximately 300,000 students took the CAHSEE in March. In May, approximately 19,000 students who were absent in either February or March took the CAHSEE.

The California Department of Education (CDE) has changed the date for reporting CAHSEE aggregate results from October to mid-August. CAHSEE 2004 aggregate results for schools, school districts, counties, and the state will be posted on the Data Quest Web site maintained by the California Department of Education. The results will be reported separately for each administration (February, March, and May 2004) as well as combined together. The CAHSEE data will also be used for reporting Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as part of No Child Left Behind, the federal accountability act, and for reporting the Academic Performance Index (API) as part of California's Public Schools Accountability Act. A CAHSEE report of results will be presented to SBE at its September meeting.

FISCAL ANALYSIS (AS APPROPRIATE)

Posting the results is done by CDE and there are no additional costs associated with this posting.

ATTACHMENT(S)

None